GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Human Trafficking
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of human trafficking has increased during the last few years;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that children constitute the major chunk of such trafficking cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check human trafficking particularly trafficking of children?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (d): As per the information provided by the National Crime Records Bureau(NCRB), a total 3554, 3940 and 5466 cases of human trafficking and a total 991, 1361 and 2204 cases of child trafficking were reported during 2012, 2013 and 2014, respectively. State/UT wise details of cases reported under total Human Trafficking and under Child Trafficking are at Annexure I and Annexure II, respectively.
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(e): 'Public Order' and 'Police' as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India are State subjects and as such detection, registration, investigation and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, Government of India has taken various steps to combat human trafficking and has adopted a multi-pronged approach alongwith concerned Ministries and stakeholders, as detailed below:-

(i) Enactment of Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013, wherein Section 370 of the Indian Penal Code has been substituted with Section 370 and 370A of IPC which provide for comprehensive measures to counter the menace of Human Trafficking.

(ii) Establishment of Anti Human Trafficking Units(AHTUs) in 259 districts of the country.

(iii) Issued following advisories on Human Trafficking to all States/UTs:
â€¢ Advisory for preventing crime of human trafficking dated 9.9.2009.
â€¢ Advisory on missing children − measures needed to prevent trafficking and trace the children - dated 31.1.2012
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â€¢ Advisory on Human Trafficking as Organised Crime dated 30.4. 2012.
â€¢ Advisory on Preventing and combating human trafficking in India-dealing with foreign nationals dated 1.5. 2012
â€¢ Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) to handle trafficking of children for child labour dated 12.8.2013

These advisories are available at www.mha.gov.in.

(iv) Organization of periodic meetings with Nodal Officers of AHTUs and concerned Ministries to review the efforts taken to combat Human Trafficking.
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